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Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

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In the Matter of

AT&T Corporation, VLT Co. L.L.C.,
Violet License Co. L.L.C. and TNV
(Bahamas) Limited Applications for
FCC Consent for Grant of Section 214
Authority, Modification of Authorizations
and Assignment of Licenses in Connection
with Proposed Joint Venture between
AT&T Corporation and British
Telecommunications plc

IB Docket No. 98-212

**MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF
TIME IN WHICH TO FILE COMMENTS**

Cable & Wireless plc ("C&W"), pursuant to section 1.46 of this Commission's rules,¹ hereby requests an extension, until January 18, 1999, of the time for filing comments in this proceeding. As required by section 1.46 (c) of the Commission's rules,² C&W has orally notified Commission staff and the parties to this proceeding of this request.

As a UK telecommunications company with significant involvement in the national and international markets that will be most affected by the proposed joint venture between AT&T Corporation and British Telecommunications plc, C&W anticipates that its comments in this proceeding may be of particular value to the Commission in ascertaining whether the pending applications are in the public interest. The C&W personnel who must provide information in support of C&W's comments, however, also are responding to extensive informational requests from the European Commission concerning this same joint venture. C&W received three such informational requests immediately before the

¹ 47 C.F.R. § 1.46.

² *Id.* § 146 (c).

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Christmas and New Year's holidays, and is required to provide responsive information to the European Commission on successive deadline dates of January 7th, 11th and 12th, 1999.

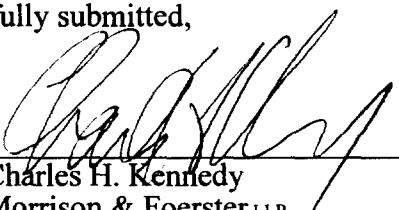
In order to provide this Commission with a useful analysis of the impact of the proposed merger in all affected markets,³ C&W requests a brief extension that will permit its expert personnel -- including an economic expert recently retained by C&W -- to give C&W's comments their full attention after the informational filings to the European Commission have been submitted. In order to avoid any delay in these proceedings, C&W does not request an extension of the Commission's deadline for filing of reply comments.

As required by the Commission's rules, a proposed order accompanies this motion in both hard-copy and diskette format.

Dated: January 5, 1999

Respectfully submitted,

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³ The applicants have identified two end-user markets and six input markets as relevant to the Commission's public-interest review of the proposed joint venture. Applications and Public Interest Statement in Support of the Global Venture of AT&T Corp. and British Telecommunications plc at 17 *et seq.*

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, James S. Bucholz, do hereby certify that the foregoing Motion for Extension of Time in Which to File Comments in this proceeding was delivered, via hand delivery (unless otherwise indicated), on this 5th day of January, 1999, to the following:

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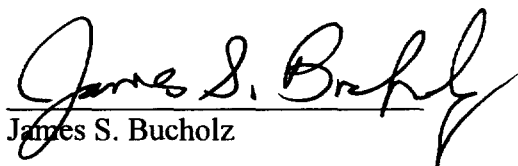
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PROPOSED ORDER

Adopted: January __, 1999

Released: January __, 1999

By the Chief, International Bureau

The International Bureau has before it the Motion of Cable & Wireless plc for Extension of Time in which to File Comments in this proceeding to January 18, 1999. Cable & Wireless having shown cause for the relief sought, the Motion is hereby granted.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED, that the Motion of Cable & Wireless plc for Extension of Time in which to File Comments in this proceeding is hereby granted.

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